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News From Our Local Churches - January 2012



Holy Trinity Community Church Responds

In Cheatham County, TN near Nashville, a young man recently committed suicide. He was harassed and bullied because he was gay. No churches in the county would stand by his family, and no pastor would be a part of his funeral. Rev.



Cynthia Andrews-Looper of **Holy Trinity Community UCC** responded to officiate at the funeral and provide pastoral support to those who have been hurt by this tragedy. She wrote following the service, "I've been amazed at the disconnect between the faith communities and the brokenness in Cheatham County ... The

churches... are extremely condemning of all who have 'sinned.' From divorce to teen pregnancy, to gay teens and addiction, there is little or no spiritual support for these hurting people. It is not a safe place for people of color, either. (I have received a generous response of appreciation from many for my presence.) Prayers for our protection would be greatly appreciated. I am aware that it is not the safest place for gay people ... or women pastors." We are deeply grateful for the ministry of Holy Trinity Community UCC in the midst of great brokenness and injustice.

Pleasant Hill Installs Cross, Crown and Orb

A blustery cold wintry day did not prevent members and friends of the church from watching the raising of the cross to the top of the tower on its expanded building. As the construction workers lifted the symbol of their faith to the top of the tower, more than 75 raised their voices to sing, "Lift High the Cross." Just after the cross was securely fastened down, the sun broke through the clouds and gave its blessing on the proceedings.



Follow this link to the [Crossville Chronicle Newspaper](#) to read their article on the Pleasant Hill Church renovation in total.



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Headlines from the United Church of Christ

UCC justice advocates applaud denial of Keystone pipeline
United Church of Christ and other faith leaders opposed to Keystone XL pipeline proclaimed their support of President Obama's January 18 decision to deny a permit for construction of a 1,700-mile pipeline that would have transported heavy crude oil trapped in tar sands from Alberta, Canada to the Gulf of Mexico for refinement.

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from the UCC Mission:1 event.

Rush Memorial Counts Cans for Hosea

During the UCC Mission:1 campaign Rush Memorial, Atlanta, GA, stepped up to the challenge and provided 221 can goods to the **Hosea Feed the Hungry program in Georgia**. Pastor Lawrence Calbert, Sr. was extremely proud of the food baskets prepared by his members.

Follow this [link](#) to the UCC website to review the posted tallies



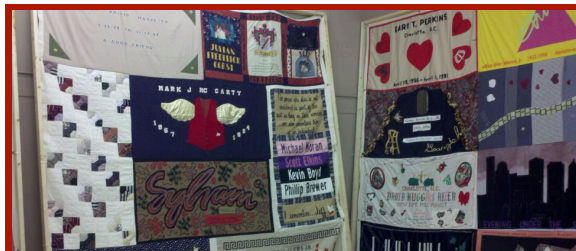
Santa's Workshop

Church of the Savior, Knoxville, TN., celebrated the Christmas season with a Santa's Workshop party for the children. There were arts and crafts, sweets and fun times for all.

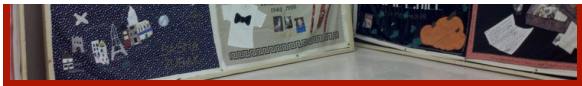


World AIDS Day Service

On Thursday, December 1, 2011, **Safe Harbor Family Church**, a congregation of the United Church of Christ, had the honor of hosting the community-wide World Aids Day Service. Thirty years after the first AIDS diagnosis, Safe Harbor displayed ten of the AIDS Memorial Quilt blocks in memory of souls passed on after a life of battling AIDS. Multiple congregations throughout central Mississippi were invited to attend the event, resulting in an interdenominational congregation



of members and ministers from ten churches, including St. James Episcopal Church, Galloway



United Methodist,

Broadmeadow United Methodist, Wells United Methodist, Anderson United Methodist, Tougaloo College Chapel (UCC), St. Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral, St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Fondren Presbyterian, and, of course, Safe Harbor Family Church (UCC).

During the service, ministers from each church spoke in honor of those living with

AIDS and in memory of those passed on. A list was read aloud of the names of victims of AIDS, and the congregation was invited to rise and extend the list by speaking the name of family and friends currently living with or those who valiantly fought and have died with AIDS. Ministers encouraged the congregation with inspirational stories, quotes, and poetry; and a special performance of the song, "The Warrior is a Child," emphasized the reality of living a life of faith in the midst of trial. All in attendance were invited to view the AIDS Memorial Quilts after the service to conclude the evening with a final memorial.



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